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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

February 20, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 54-D, West Branch of Little Kennebec Bay (Machias): This notice reduces the size of the current prohibited area due to water quality returning to approved standards and an updated shoreline survey. This notice also creates a new restricted zone in the cove near Marsh Stream on the Eastern Branch of Little Kennebec Bay due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the West Branch of Little Kennebec Bay upstream from a line beginning at the easternmost ledge outcropping at Foss Point then extending easterly and terminating at the dock on the opposite shore. ~~“Old Boat House” and running north to a red painted post on the opposite shore.~~

B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit: Eastern Branch of Little Kennebec Bay east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the north shore approximately 560 yards from the culvert on Marsh Stream and runs southeast approximately 585 yards to the north most tip of an unnamed point forming the north shore of Spruce Cove.

If you have questions, please contact Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9535, Email: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov or Michelle Mason Webber, Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0021, Tel: (207) 624-6570, Email: Michelle.Mason@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

Michelle Mason Webber
Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Program Coordinator

1:48 PM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 54-D

West Branch and East Branch of Little Kennebec Bay (Machias) 2/20/14

